

Story County

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Community Health Needs Assessment Snapshot

Promote Healthy Behaviors

Problems/Needs:

- Continued high-risk alcohol use/binge drinking in Story County
- Access to Behavioral Health care is inadequate due to limited providers and limited levels of service.
- The prevalence of obesity continues to rise.

Prevent Injuries

Problems/Needs:

- Low reporting of sexual violence.
- Increased incidence of child abuse, especially as related to neglect.

Protect Against Environmental Hazards

Problems/Needs:

- Majority of septage from pumping septic tanks is land applied as opposed to being disposed of at wastewater treatment plant need closer review of pumper's septage management plans & plan's implementation is needed. Along with increased enforcement, need better monitoring to determine if land application of septage is negatively impacting our local watersheds. County has approx 3,300 rural housing units with on-site wastewater treatment systems. Septic tanks must be pumped routinely (every 4-5yrs) to maintain system. Many homeowners never pump or only pump when there are problems. Need increased education to homeowners to help their understanding on importance of maintaining on-site systems by pumping septic tanks.

Prevent Epidemics and the Spread of Disease

Problems/Needs:

- No organization in Story County provides free HIV/AIDS testing and there is limited counseling. Planned Parenthood applied for a grant that was denied. There continues to be a need for this.

Prepare for, Respond to, and Recover from Public Health Emergencies

Problems/Needs:

None identified

Strengthen the Public Health Infrastructure

Problems/Needs:

- SC has a low income Health Provider Shortage Area designation for primary medical & dental care resulting in not enough providers to care for low income population, especially related to behavior health, oral health care and prenatal care services. 32% of population are serviced by inadequate health care system.; 23,622 residents incomes are below 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- Low awareness and education of available community resources.

Community Health Improvement Plan

Goal	Strategies	Who is responsible?	When? (Timeline)
Increase access to behavioral health, oral health care & prenatal care services to low income residents by establishing one Community Health Center (CHC) by 2013. Baseline 0 in 2011	1) Develop community Alliance to spearhead project	Mid Iowa Quality of Life Alliance Committee	Completed
	2) Submit grant to establish Federally Qualified Health Center in Story County recognizing this is a competitive process that may require several attempts	Mid Iowa Quality of Life Alliance Committee	Fall 2010
	3) Create joint effort between Primary Health Care, Inc & Alliance to establish a satellite access point in Story Co.	Mid Iowa Quality of Life Alliance Committee	2013

Goal	Strategies	Who is responsible?	When? (Timeline)
Increase the number of available Special Needs Shelters (SNS) to 3 in 2012 from a baseline of zero in 2010.	Develop a comprehensive plan for a SNS that is combined with the community Red Cross Shelter	SNS Task Force	2011
	Recruit volunteers with skills required for SNS	SNS Task Force	2012
	Develop communication plan to community regarding SNS	SNS Task Force	2013
	Prevention Policy Board Alcohol Task Force (PPBD) working with public officials will be created to develop action plans	YSS	February 2011
	Implement PPBD action plan	YSS	June 2012

Goal	Strategies	Who is responsible?	When? (Timeline)
Increase the access to adequate behavioral health care. Baseline 78% of residents do not believe behavioral health care is adequate in story county	Mental Health task force will explore creation of Mental Health Assessment Center	A Subcommittee of Criminal Justice Mental Health Task Force	2012

Goal	Strategies	Who is responsible?	When? (Timeline)
Increase reporting of sexual assault and decrease sexual violence. Baseline data indicates that 4% of women and 2% of men have been forced to have sex after over consuming alcohol.	Create a team to make an action plan	Theilen Student Health	2014

Goal	Strategies	Who is responsible?	When? (Timeline)
Promote healthy lifestyles in the community to reduce the prevalence of overweight and obesity (Baseline for adults (self-reported ht/wt): From 2005 to 2010, 6% more resident have a BMI over 25.	Establish a healthy lifestyle coalition to guide county health promotion programming	Campus Community Partnership for Health	2012
	Develop service learning partnerships to enable ISU students to promote healthy lifestyles in the community	Campus Community Partnership for Health	2012
	Increase programming opportunities in the community by securing funding for continued programming	Campus Community Partnership for Health	2013